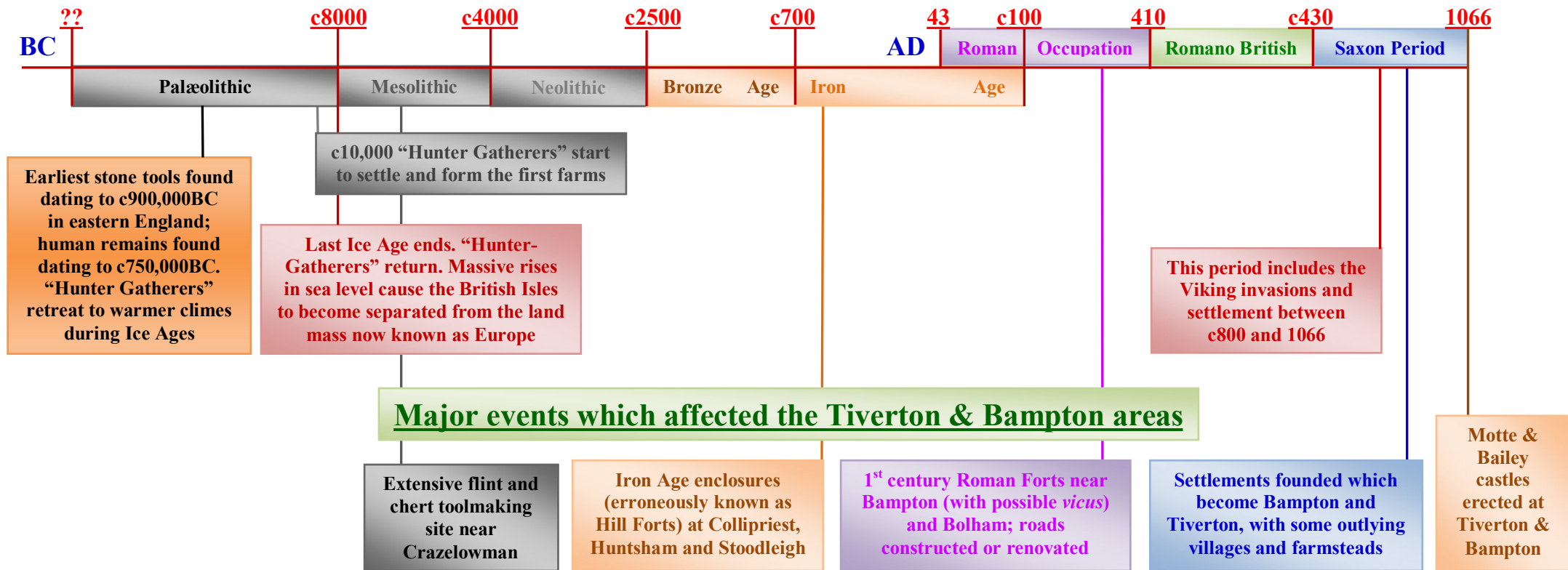


GREAT BRITAIN TIMELINE FROM THE PALÆOLOTHIC ERA TO THE NORMAN CONQUEST

(nowhere near to scale)



N.B. The dates for the various Ages are not exact and there were large overlaps between them. Changes from one culture to another took place very slowly, varying between hundreds and thousands of years, particularly before the Iron and Bronze Ages. When the Palaeolithic Age began is an unknown, hence the "??" for the start. The dates given for the different Ages, which in any case are modern appellations, vary widely between various documentary sources. I have tried to keep to a happy medium. Another point worth a mention is that there was no Saxon invasion; it was a gradual event by various tribes spread over many decades, each settling in their own areas which in time became mini-kingdoms. Later they formed the bases of the modern counties.

Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age) from ?? to c8,000BC.

Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) c8,000BC – c4,000BC.

Neolithic (New Stone Age) c4,000BC – 2,500BC.

Bronze Age 2,500BC – c700BC.

Iron Age c700BC – 100AD.

Romano British refers to the pre-Saxon period when the local population and some of the retired Roman military and auxiliaries had settled and inter-married.